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KA-BAR 5017

KA-BAR Full-Size U.S.M.C. Straight Edge Knife Model 5017

User Manual

1. Product Overview

The KA-BAR Full-Size U.S.M.C. Straight Edge Knife, Model 5017, is a robust fixed-blade utility knife designed for durability and versatile use. It features a 7-inch 1095 Cro-Van carbon steel blade with a flat grind and a 20-degree edge angle, paired with a classic stacked leather handle. This knife is suitable for various outdoor and utility tasks.



Image 1.1: The KA-BAR Full-Size U.S.M.C. Straight Edge Knife, Model 5017, featuring its carbon steel blade and stacked leather handle.

2. Safety Information

Knives are sharp tools and must be handled with extreme care. Improper use can result in serious injury. Always follow these safety guidelines:

- **Keep out of reach of children:** Store the knife securely when not in use.
- **Always cut away from your body:** Maintain control of the blade and your cutting direction.
- **Ensure a firm grip:** A secure grip on the handle prevents accidental slips.
- **Use the correct tool for the job:** Do not use the knife for tasks it was not designed for, such as prying or hammering.
- **Wear appropriate protective gear:** Gloves can offer additional protection during certain tasks.
- **Inspect before use:** Check the blade and handle for any damage or looseness before each use.
- **Proposition 65 Warning:** This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm.

3. Setup

3.1 Unboxing and Initial Inspection

Upon receiving your KA-BAR knife, carefully remove it from its packaging. The package typically includes the KA-BAR Full-Size U.S.M.C. Straight Edge Knife and a sheath. Inspect the knife for any visible defects or damage that may have occurred during shipping. Ensure the blade is securely attached to the handle and that the handle components are tight.



Image 3.1: The KA-BAR knife with a traditional leather sheath. Sheath type may vary depending on the specific model variant.

3.2 Sheath Attachment (if applicable)

If your knife comes with a sheath, familiarize yourself with its retention mechanism. Ensure the knife fits snugly and securely within the sheath to prevent accidental dislodging. For belt sheaths, thread your belt through the designated loops for secure carry.

4. Operating Instructions

The KA-BAR Full-Size U.S.M.C. Straight Edge Knife is designed for general utility and outdoor tasks. Its robust construction makes it suitable for:

- **Cutting:** General cutting tasks for rope, cordage, and various materials.
- **Field Craft:** Preparing kindling, opening packages, and other camp duties.
- **Hunting:** Field dressing and other related tasks.

Always ensure the cutting surface is stable and clear of obstructions. Apply steady, controlled pressure when cutting. Avoid twisting or prying with the blade, as this can damage the edge or the blade itself.

5. Maintenance

Proper maintenance is crucial for the longevity and performance of your KA-BAR knife.

5.1 Cleaning

- **Hand Wash Only:** After each use, especially after contact with food or corrosive materials, clean the blade and handle thoroughly.
- Use warm water and mild soap. Avoid harsh detergents or abrasive cleaners.
- Dry the knife immediately and completely with a soft cloth to prevent rust. Pay special attention to the area where the blade meets the handle.

5.2 Sharpening

The blade is made from 1095 Cro-Van steel with an edge angle of 20 degrees. To maintain optimal sharpness:

- Use a quality sharpening stone, ceramic rod, or diamond sharpener.
- Maintain the factory 20-degree edge angle for consistent performance.
- Sharpen regularly as needed, rather than waiting for the blade to become completely dull.

5.3 Storage and Rust Prevention

The 1095 Cro-Van carbon steel blade is rust-resistant but not rust-proof. Proper storage is essential:

- Store the knife in a dry environment.
- Apply a thin coat of rust-preventative oil to the blade after cleaning and before long-term storage.
- Store the knife in its sheath or a protective case to prevent accidental damage or injury.

6. Troubleshooting

- **Dull Blade:** If the blade loses its sharpness, refer to the sharpening instructions in Section 5.2.
- **Rust Spots:** If rust spots appear, they can often be removed with fine abrasive paper (e.g., 1000-grit) and a rust-removing agent, followed by re-oiling. Ensure the knife is thoroughly dried after treatment.
- **Loose Handle:** If the handle components feel loose, contact KA-BAR customer support for assistance. Do not attempt to disassemble the knife unless you are qualified to do so.

7. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Name	5017
Blade Material	1095 Cro-Van Carbon Steel
Blade Length	7 inches
Overall Length	11-7/8 inches
Handle Material	Leather
Edge Angle	20 Degrees
Grind	Flat
Item Weight	0.68 lbs (11.2 ounces)
Special Feature	Rust Resistant
Manufacturer	Ka-Bar Knives
Country of Origin	USA
UPC	617717250170

8. Warranty and Support

KA-BAR knives are known for their durability and craftsmanship. The KA-BAR Full-Size U.S.M.C. Straight Edge Knife, Model 5017, is backed by a limited lifetime warranty. This warranty typically covers defects in materials and

workmanship under normal use.
For warranty claims, technical support, or any product-related inquiries, please contact KA-BAR customer service directly. Refer to the official KA-BAR website for the most current contact information and detailed warranty terms.
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